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SRI K. VINAYAKAM: On a point of order, Sir. It is very difficult to catch your eyes. I have been rising in my seat but could not manage to catch your eyes. Your eyes are the most elusive organs that God has ever created on the face of this earth. What is the *modus operandi* that you would suggest to enable me to catch your eyes?

MR. SPEAKER: Please stand up as often as you can. (Laughter.) Some time, you will catch my eye.

Government Transport buses in Kanyakumari district

* 176 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government Transport buses plying in Kanyakumari district at present; and

(*b*) how many of them are new buses?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) The fleet strength of the Kanyakumari Branch of the Madras State Transport Department is 76. On an average 53 buses are plying daily on the roads.

(*b*) Twelve.

SRI T. T. DANIEL: Are the Government aware that many of the buses that are now plying in Kanyakumari district are in a very bad condition? Will they be pleased to go into the desirability of replacing these buses with new ones and also starting a workshop there so that the buses can be repaired then and there?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: We have put 12 new buses into operation and in the course of the month, we will be sending another 12 to Kanyakumari district. We have proposals in this Budget for starting a workshop in Nagerkoil.

Block Development Scheme

* 177 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisami): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount spent on Tiruppur, Kangayam and Palladam in the year 1956–57 under the Block Development Scheme; and

(*b*) out of this, the expenditure incurred on the administrative department towards salaries of the officials and other expenses (with detailed figures for the various items of expenditure)?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Tiruppur Community Development Block—Rs. 2,76,350–6–11, Kangayam Community Development Block—Rs. 2,92,462–11–9, and Palladam Community Development Block—Rs. 2,13,722–1–0.